



Adult Education delivers literacy services to out-of-school adults who are 16 years of age and older and who are not enrolled in a K-12 school.

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. Eleven programs are certified to provide Adult Education throughout Maricopa County. Through funding from the Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services, the fiscal effort dedicated to adult education in Maricopa County for Program Year 2009-2010 was **\$4,686,106**.

The Need for Adult Education in Maricopa County

Of the over 4,000,000 people living in Maricopa County, 70% (2,798,962) are 18 years and older. Of that number, 17% (462,075) lack a high school credential. 9% (17,757) of the 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

8% of individuals 18 years and older (228,586) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and older have some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

Maricopa County Programs

- Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources
- Friendly House
- Gilbert Unified School District
- Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa Co.
- Maricopa County Adult Probation
- Mesa Unified School District
- Phoenix Indian Center
- Queen Creek Unified School District
- Rio Salado College
- Tempe Union High School District

Maricopa County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 10,036 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 985,148 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$4.76 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$466.93 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 60% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 82% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 74% who sought a job found employment
- 84% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 78% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 6,714 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.**

Since Program Year 2008-2009, Maricopa County has been home to five programs that link Adult Education and Workforce Development. Arizona Call-A-Teen, Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Rio Salado College, Tempe Unified High School Adult Education, and Maricopa County Adult Probation are the Maricopa County programs that have received awards to integrate Adult Education and Post-Secondary instruction in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.





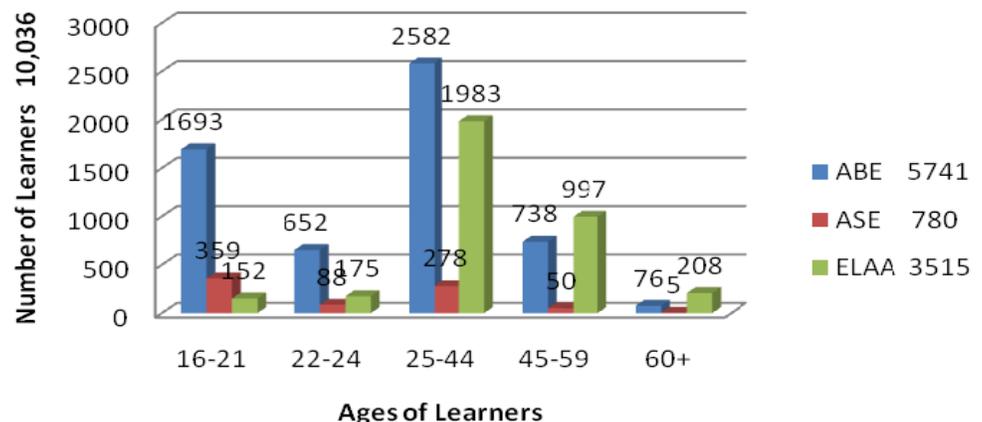
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Maricopa County

- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 6,714 individuals earning a GED® in Maricopa County represent a potential increase in taxable income of over \$57,606,000.
- 48% (4,843) of adult learners in Maricopa County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 42% (4,225) of adult learners in Maricopa County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Maricopa County, 7% (198,402) have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms once again that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- 684,510 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Maricopa County reported 196,287 public high school (grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 for grades 7-12 of 3% (9,707). ADE-AES served 3,119 people under the age of 25, of whom 71% (2,204) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 57% of adults of Maricopa County enrolled in Adult Education classes reading, writing and/or math proficiency skill levels at eighth grade or below.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential and ultimate contributions as a member of a family, the workforce, and the community.

Maricopa County Adult Learners



■ **ABE = Adult Basic Education**
Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.

■ **ASE = Adult Secondary Education**
Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.

■ **ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults**
Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.